

Chow Chow Suspension Bridge  
(Quinault River Bridge)  
Spanning the Quinault River  
Toholah Vicinity, Washington  
Grays Harbor County

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Date: ca. 1950

Location: Spanning Quinault River, Toholah Vicinity

Designed by: Unknown

Owner: Quinault Indian Reservation

Significance: The Chow Chow Suspension Bridge was constructed by Native Americans living on the Quinault Indian Reservation about 1950. It consists of four timber king post trusses that are suspended from steel cables. The bridge bears resemblance to the modern "cable stayed" suspension bridge. However, it is most significant as an example of vernacular technology that represents the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the Quinault Indians in meeting local transportation needs.

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